

## REMARKS

In the Office Action dated February 23, 2004, claims 15, 16, and 17 were rejected, but claims 1-14 were allowed along with claims 17, 18, and 19 were indicated allowable but depending upon a rejected base claim. The Amendment enclosed herewith cancels the rejected claims and places the objected claims to depend from an allowable independent claim.

This amendment is made without prejudice or disclaimer.

### Conclusion

No additional claims have been created with this response and no additional fees are due apart from the Petition of Extension of Time fee for the third month which is enclosed herewith along with a Petition for Extension of Time. Allowance of claims 1-14 and 17-19 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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